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SUBJECT: CSCE: JUNE 25 NAC DISCUSSION

SUMMARY: JUNE 25 NAC DISCUSSION ON CSCE INDICATED MOST ALLIES HAD RECEIVED BREZHNEV LETTER URGING JULY 22 HELSINKI FINALE. PERMREPS OF EC MEMBERS CONFIRMED THAT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG INDICATED THAT CSCE STAGE III BY THE END OF JULY WAS BOTH "DESIRABLE AND FEASIBLE" BUT DEPENDED ON EFFORT BY ALL CSCE DELEGATIONS TO ACCELERATE AGREEMENT ON ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. EXCHANGE ON CSCE IN JUNE 25 NAC, INITIATED BY SYG LUNS, INDICATED THAT NEARLY ALL ALLIES HAD RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM SOVIETS CALLING FOR HELSINKI STAGE III TO BEGIN ON JULY 22. LUNS REFERRED TO RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE STANCE WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD THE NINE HAD ADOPTED IN LUXEMBOURG AND TO INDICATIONS
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THAT US VIEWED JULY CSCE CONCLUSION MORE OPTIMISTICALLY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO LUNS' QUESTION, UK PERMREP (PECK) NOTED THAT PRIMIN WILSON HAD REPLIED TO SOVIETS THAT WHILE HMG

WANTED AN EARLY CSCE CONCLUSION, IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED. WILSON WENT ON TO RECOGNIZE RECENT SOVIET EFFORTS TO BRING CONFERENCE TO AN EARLY CLOSE. CANADIAN CHARGE (ROY) REPORTED SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN OTTAWA HAD CALLED ON PRIMIN TRUDEAU, JUNE 19, AND HAD RECEIVED REPLY SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN BY WILSON. NORWEGIAN PERMREP (BUSCH) SAID SOVIETS HAD MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE SAME DATE IN OSLO BUT GON HAD NOT YET REPLIED. BELGIAN, GERMAN, ITALIAN, DUTCH, GREEK AND TURKISH REPS ALSO INDICATED SOVIET APPROACH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS.

3. PORTUGUESE PERMREP (DE FREITAS CRUZ) SAID LISBON HAD NOT RECIEVED SOVIET DEMARCHE CALLING FOR JULY 22 CSCE SUMMIT BUT HAD BEEN TARGET OF SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT PORTUGAL'S NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR IN HELSINKI.

4. LUNS NOTED SPECUALTION THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT HAD ACCEPTED JULY 22 CSCE SUMMIT DATE DURING HIS VISIT TO POLAND. FRENCH CHARGE (DE LA FERRIERE) REPLIED THAT, WHILE WITHOUT FORMAL ADVICE FROM PARIS ON MATTER, HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED GOF COULD ACCEPT HELSINKI SUMMIT AT END OF JULY IF WARRANTED BY STAGE II RESULTS.

5. IN DISCUSSING STATEMENT ON CSCE ISSUED BY EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AFTER THEIR JUNE 24 MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG, SEVERAL EC-NINE REPS INDICATED THAT TEXT WAS IDENTICAL WITH THAT CARRIED BY WIRE SERVICES (REUTERS), VIZ.:

"THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE ARE WILLING TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ACCOMPLISHED ON NUMEROUS SUBJECTS, THEY THINK IT IS BOTH DESIRABLE AND FEASIBLE TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA SO THAT THE THIRD PHASE CAN TAKE PLACE IN HELSINKI BY THE END OF JULY. THE REALISATION OF THIS HOPE DEPENDS ON ALL DELEGATIONS AS HITHERTO ACCELERATING THEIR WORK AND THEIR EFFORTS
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SO THAT GENERAL AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED ON ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS. THE NINE, FOR THEIR PART, ARE READY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END".

6. ITALIAN CHARGE (SPINELLI), SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE NINE, NOTED THAT ITALIAN NATO DELEGATION HAD HEARD NOTHING MORE OF LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING OTHER THAN FACT THAT CSCE DISCUSSIONS HAD EXTENDED LATE INTO NIGHT. SEVERAL EC MEMBERS' PERMREPS AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR DE STAERCCKE (BELGIUM) THAT NINE HAD EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF END-JULY HELSINKI SUMMIT, BUT WITHOUT FIXING DATE, THUS PROVIDING USEFUL LEVERAGE FOR FORCING SOVIETS TO MAKE REMAINING CONCESSIONS NEEDED TO MEET WESTERN CSCE CRITERIA.

7. COMMENT: WE DID NOT SPEAK ON CSCE IN JUNE 25 NAC, NOR
HAVE WE BEEN PRESSED BY ALLIED ON QUESTION OF PARALLEL SOVIET
APPROACH IN WASHINGTON ON CSCE FINALE. HOWEVER, WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW WE MIGHT RESPOND IF QUESTION
COMES UP AGAIN. END COMMENT.BRUCE

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